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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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MITSUBISHI INTERNATIONAL :  
CORPORATION, :

Plaintiff, :

-against- :

INTERSTATE CHEMICAL CORPORATION, :

Defendant. :  
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COMPLAINT

ECF Case 08cv00194 (JSR)(FWG)

Plaintiff, by its attorneys Kornstein Veisz Wexler & Pollard,  
LLP, for its complaint alleges:

FIRST CLAIM  
(Breach of Contract)

Jurisdiction and Venue

1. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the lawsuit under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a)(1) because plaintiff and defendant are citizens of different states and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000 excluding interest and costs.

2. Venue in this District is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391.

Parties

3. Plaintiff Mitsubishi International Corporation ("MIC") is a New York corporation with its principal place of business at 655

Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017. At all relevant times, plaintiff has been engaged in the business of international trade of products and services across a range of industry sectors. Plaintiff is a merchant within the meaning of the Uniform Commercial Code.

4. Defendant Interstate Chemical Corporation ("Interstate") is, on information and belief, a Pennsylvania corporation with its corporate headquarters located at 2797 Freedland Road, Hermitage, Pennsylvania 16148. At all relevant times, defendant has been engaged in the business of buying and selling chemical products. Defendant is a merchant within the meaning of the Uniform Commercial Code.

#### Substantive Allegations

5. On December 4, 2007, the parties orally agreed that Interstate would buy 420,000 gallons of methanol from MIC at a price of \$2.55 per gallon. On that day, Zack Ferguson-Steger, marketing manager of MIC, and Lori Cirillo, Director of Chemical Procurement of Interstate, had a phone conversation regarding the possibility of MIC selling a barge of methanol to Interstate. During that phone conversation, Ferguson-Steger and Cirillo reached an oral agreement that MIC would sell one barge (420,000 gallons, or 10 mb) of methanol to Interstate at a price of \$2.55 per gallon.

6. The parties confirmed this agreement and its material terms in writing later that day. Cirillo emailed Ferguson-Steger,

confirming: "We would like to purchase your Methanol barge. Please give me a call." A copy of that email and MIC's reply to it are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

7. Less than an hour later, Ferguson-Steger responded to Cirillo via email, stating: "We confirm 10 mb @ \$2.55/gal loading Dec. 20 or later. If we can ship earlier, we'll inform you. I'll send over a spot contract a little later." A copy of this email is also attached hereto as part of Exhibit A.

8. The next day, December 5, 2007, MIC reconfirmed the agreement and its material terms in an email to Interstate. Ferguson-Steger sent an email to Cirillo, attaching a form contract and stating: "Please see attached contract for the 10mb barge agreed to yesterday." The attached contract contains the same material terms the parties had agreed to the day before. A copy of the email and attached contract, along with later email correspondence between MIC and Interstate, is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

9. Neither Cirillo nor anybody else at Interstate objected to the terms of the agreement as embodied in the emails sent by MIC on December 4 and 5, 2007.

10. Interstate said nothing further about the agreement until December 18, 2007, when it sought to cancel the contract. On that day, fourteen days after the parties confirmed their agreement and thirteen days after MIC sent an email and form contract further

embodying the agreement, Cirillo sent an email to Ferguson-Steger, stating: "We are having a problem with this barge. We are planning to ship this to Owensboro, KY and there is still not coast guard approval yet for receiving barges at this destination. We do not have another home for this barge. Can we cancel this barge because of this coast guard issue?" A copy of this email is also attached hereto as part of Exhibit B.

11. The next day, December 19, 2007, Ferguson-Steger responded to Cirillo, stating: "We can postpone the delivery of the barge if needed but we cannot cancel." A copy of that email is also attached hereto as part of Exhibit B.

12. A few minutes later, Cirillo responded to Ferguson-Steger's email, reiterating Interstate's desire to cancel the agreement. A copy of that email is also attached hereto as part of Exhibit B.

13. Ferguson-Steger responded to Cirillo shortly thereafter, explaining:

Unfortunately, we cannot allow you to walk away from this spot contract, even if the customer claims they cannot receive the barge. We reserved this product in our inventory and if we were to liquidate now, we would have to hold you responsible for the damages, which we calculate to be around  $\$0.35/\text{gal} \times 420,000 = \$147,000$ . This is based on the  $\$2.55/\text{gal}$  price that we fixed compared with the expected sales price today of  $\$2.20/\text{gal}$ .

A copy of this email is also attached hereto as part of Exhibit B.

14. Later on December 19, and again on the following day, Cirillo reiterated that Interstate would be canceling the contract. A copy of the December 19, 2007 email is also attached hereto as part of Exhibit B. A copy of the December 20, 2007 email and MIC's response to it are attached hereto as Exhibit C.

15. Later on December 20, Ferguson-Steger responded to Cirillo, reminding her of Interstate's contract with MIC and stating:

As you know, the market is falling, and MIC will suffer substantial damages if it is forced to seek a new buyer for this methanol if you repudiate you obligation to purchase. The contract price i[s] \$2.55/gal, and as of the close of business today, we would be able to get only approximately \$2.18/gallon on the spot market for this load. If we are forced to sell the material at a loss we will hold Interstate fully responsible for our damages.

In order to mitigate our damages as much as possible in this falling market, we will seek to sell the material to another buyer by tomorrow, December 21, if we do not receive your confirmation by 10:00 a.m. that Interstate will fulfill its obligations under our agreement. We will then seek prompt legal recourse to recover the full amount of our losses in connection with that sale from Interstate.

A copy of this email is also attached hereto as part of Exhibit C.

16. Interstate did not respond to Ferguson-Steger's December 20, 2007 email.

17. On December 21, 2007, after Interstate refused to perform the agreement, MIC mitigated its damages by selling the methanol Interstate had agreed to purchase to another company for \$2.05 per gallon. The contract reflecting this sale is attached hereto as Exhibit D.

18. The parties had a valid agreement, confirmed in writing, pursuant to N.Y. U.C.C. § 2-201(1).

19. The agreement is also valid pursuant to N.Y. U.C.C. § 2-201(2) because MIC sent Interstate a writing confirming the parties' agreement, Interstate had reason to know the writing's contents, and Interstate did not object to its contents within ten days of receiving it.

20. MIC was willing and able to deliver the methanol to Interstate at the agreed-upon price of \$2.55 per gallon.

21. Interstate nevertheless breached the agreement between the parties by refusing to purchase the methanol.

22. Despite MIC's prompt efforts to mitigate its damages, MIC was only able to sell the methanol to another buyer at a price of \$2.05 per gallon.

23. As a result of defendant's breach of contract, plaintiff has sustained compensatory damages of \$210,000 (420,000 gallons of methanol, sold at a price \$.50 per gallon lower than the price agreed to by Interstate) plus interest.

SECOND CLAIM  
(Promissory Estoppel)

24. MIC realleges the allegations in paragraphs 1 to 23 of this complaint.

25. Interstate's representative promised MIC's representative, both orally over the telephone and in writing via a later email, that Interstate would purchase a barge of methanol from MIC at the agreed-upon purchase price.

26. In reasonable reliance upon Interstate's promise, MIC reserved the barge of methanol in its inventory.

27. Between the time the parties agreed to the sale of the barge of methanol and the time Interstate initially refused to perform the agreement, the price of methanol had dropped from \$2.55 per gallon to approximately \$2.20 per gallon. By the time MIC was able to mitigate its damages by selling the barge of methanol to another buyer, the price had dropped further, to \$2.05 per gallon.

28. MIC was therefore injured by Interstate's failure to perform the agreement to purchase in the face of falling spot prices for methanol.

29. As a result of its reliance upon Interstate's broken promise to purchase the barge of methanol, plaintiff has sustained compensatory damages of \$210,000 (420,000 gallons of methanol, sold at a price \$.50 per gallon lower than the price agreed to by Interstate) plus interest.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff demands judgment as follows:

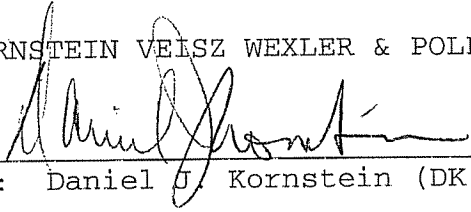
a. On the first claim, awarding plaintiff the sum of \$210,000 in compensatory damages plus interest;

b. On the second claim, awarding plaintiff the sum of \$210,000 in compensatory damages plus interest; and

c. Awarding such other relief as may be just and proper, together with the costs and disbursements of this action.

Dated: New York, New York  
January 9, 2008

KORNSTEIN VEISZ WEXLER & POLLARD, LLP

  
By: Daniel J. Kornstein (DK - 3264)

757 Third Avenue  
New York, New York 10017  
(212) 418-8600

Attorneys for Plaintiff



## EXHIBIT A

ZACK FERGUSON-STEGER

12/04/2007 04:04 PM

To: |

"Lori Cirillo" <lcirillo@interstatechemical.com>

cc: |

thomas.reszler@mitsubishicorp.com@MITSUBISHI CORP

kathy.flood@mitsubishicorp.com

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Lori,

We confirm 10mb @ \$2.55/gal loading Dec 20 or later.  
If we can ship earlier, we'll inform you.  
I'll send over a spot contract a little later.

Best Regards,

Zack

12/4/2007 3:35:09 PM "Lori Cirillo" <lcirillo@interstatechemical.com>  
wrote:

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>Hi Zack -

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>We would like to purchase your Methanol barge.

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>Please give me a call.

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>Thanks.

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>Lori Cirillo

>Director of Chemical Procurement

>724-981-3771 #1118

## EXHIBIT B

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I met again with management and unfortunately, I am caught in the middle. The account can not take the product for 90 days or more and we can't hold the barge. Management here is saying they did not sign a contract so they really feel they should not be obligated to buy the barge or pay a damage differential.

Again, this puts me in the middle and in a real jam. Would it help if we commit to the next spot barge when our tanks are at the level where we can hold a spot barge? We can not guarantee when that will be.

Lori Cirillo  
Director of Chemical Procurement

724-981-3771 #1118

-----Original Message-----

From: zack.ferguson-steger@mitsubishicorp.com  
[mailto:zack.ferguson-steger@mitsubishicorp.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 11:59 AM  
To: Lori Cirillo  
Cc: Janice Perilli; kathy.flood@mitsubishicorp.com;  
thomas.reszler@mitsubishicorp.com  
Subject: RE: Methanol

Lori,

If they prefer to pick-up via T/Ts from our tank, that is fine. Unfortunately, we cannot allow you to walk away from this spot contract, even if the customer claims they cannot receive the barge. We reserved this product in our inventory and if we were to liquidate now, we would have to hold you responsible for the damages, which we calculate to be around \$0.35/ gal x 420,000 = \$147,000. This is based on the \$2.55/gal price that we fixed compared with the expected sales price today of \$2.20/gal. We hope that you are able to convince them to take the product

Best Regards,  
Zack

12/19/2007 10:40:43 AM "Lori Cirillo" <lcirillo@interstatechemical.com> wrote:

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>I just spoke to Al and he tried to squeeze the customer. We have no choice but  
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>to cancel because the customer cancelled due to the coast guard restrictions.  
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>The customer made arrangements to receive TT's of Methanol from Ashland because  
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>of their inability to receive barges. We really have no option but to cancel  
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>on this one.  
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>Director of Chemical Procurement  
>724-981-3771 #1118  
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>From: zack.ferguson-steger@mitsubishicorp.com  
>[mailto:zack.ferguson-steger@mitsubishicorp.com]  
>Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2007 10:21 AM  
>To: Lori Cirillo



>Cc: Janice Perilli; thomas.reszler@mitsubishicorp.com;  
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>>Director of Chemical Procurement  
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>>[mailto:zack.ferguson-steger@mitsubishicorp.com]  
>>Sent: Wednesday, December 05, 2007 12:31 PM  
>>To: Lori Cirillo  
>>Subject: Re: Methanol  
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>>Lori,  
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>>Please see the attached contract for the 10mb barge agreed to yesterday.  
>>Please sign and fax back.  
>>(See attached file: Interstate10mb 12-4-07.doc) Thanks,  
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>>Zack  
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>>Zack Ferguson-Steger  
>>Mitsubishi Int'l Corporation  
>>655 Third Ave New York, NY 10017  
>>Tel 212-605-2419  
>>Fax 212-605-1058  
>>Cell 917-847-5323  
>>email: zack.ferguson-steger@mitsubishicorp.com  
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**Mitsubishi International Corporation**

655 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017  
Tel: (212) 605-2447 Fax: (212) 605-1058

December 5, 2007

To: Interstate Chemical co.  
Attn: Lori Cirillo  
Fax: 724-981-3675

RE: Methanol Sales FOB StRose, LA, December 20, 2007

Dear Lori:

We are pleased to reconfirm the details of our sales transaction agreed on December 4, 2007 as follows:

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| 1. Contract type           | Sales   |
| 2. Contract number         | S-MeOH-1284   |
| 3. Seller                  | Mitsubishi International Corporation<br>655 Third Avenue<br>New York, NY 10017  |
| 4. Buyer                   | Interstate Chemical Co.<br>2797 Freedland Road<br>Hermitage, PA 16148   |
| 5. Product                 | Methanol in bulk  |
| 6. Shipment                | December 20th, 2007. Buyer to provide seller with a five (5) working days notice. Such notice to be received by 12.00 noon EST, any nomination received later will be considered next business day.   |
| 7. Quality                 | As per ASTM D-1152-97   |
| 8. Delivery                | FOB IMTT StRose, LA into buyer's nominated barge  |
| 9. Volume                  | 10,000 bbls +/- 5% at buyer's option  |
| 10. Price                  | Fixed and flat at \$2.5500/gallon   |
| 11. Payment                | In US dollars, by wire transfer net thirty (30) days from B/L date into seller's designated account.  |
| 12. Inspection             | Inspection on both quality and quantity at seller's shore tank prior to the loading at the loading port carried out by an independent surveyor appointed by mutual agreement shall be taken as final. Inspector fees to be equally shared among all parties involved. |
| 13. Maritime conditions    | as per charter party  |
| 14. Public Terminal Clause | Barges loading at a public terminal are loaded on a first come first served basis only. Mitsubishi International will not be held responsible for any delays incurred due to dock congestion  |

16. Incoterms Incoterms 2000 and latest amendments are applicable, unless stated otherwise herein.
17. Law New York Law to govern this transaction.
18. Others Mitsubishi International Corp. General Terms and Conditions to apply where not inconsistent with the above.
19. Contact for scheduling Zack Ferguson-Steger  
Tel 212-605-2419  
Fax 212-605-1058  
Email: zack.ferguson-steger@mitsubishicorp.com

This confirmation constitutes the entire contract and represents our understanding of the terms and conditions of our agreement. We are pleased to have concluded this transaction with you. Any apparent discrepancies or omissions must be brought to our attention within the next two working days or are deemed waived.

#### GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. **WARRANTIES:** Seller warrants only that the Goods conform to the description stated on the face hereof. **SELLER HEREBY DISCLAIMS, AND BUYER HEREBY WAIVES, ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, OR ARISING UNDER LAW OR EQUITY OR CUSTOM OF TRADE, INCLUDING THE WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.** No agent, employee or representative of Seller has any authority to bind Seller to any affirmation, representation or warranty concerning the Goods not expressly included herein.
2. **SOLE REMEDY; LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:** Seller's sole liability and Buyer's exclusive remedy in connection with the transaction(s) described on the face hereof will be replacement of any non-conforming goods or, at Seller's option, refund of all or a portion of the purchase price. **IN NO EVENT WILL SELLER BE LIABLE FOR, AND BUYER HEREBY WAIVES ANY RIGHT TO, ANY LOST PROFITS, LOSS OF USE, OR FOR ANY INDIRECT, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, PUNITIVE, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES HOWEVER CAUSED AND, WHETHER IN CONTRACT, TORT OR UNDER ANY OTHER THEORY OF LIABILITY, WHETHER OR NOT EITHER PARTY HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES.** Buyer shall confirm the accuracy of all shipments, as to the identity, quantity and quality of the Goods upon receipt. Buyer waives all claims of non-conformity with respect to the Goods or their shipment or delivery unless made in writing by Buyer to Seller, specifically stating the details of such non-conformity, within five (5) days after Buyer receives the Goods. Non-conforming goods may be returned to Seller only with prior notice by Buyer to Seller and with Seller's approval for such return. **Seller's liability shall in no event be greater in amount than the purchase price of the Goods in respect of which damages are claimed.** Any action by Buyer for breach of contract must be commenced within one (1) year after the cause of action has accrued.
3. **TAXES; INCREASED COSTS:** Buyer shall pay all taxes, excises, fees or charges with respect to the sale or transportation of the Goods. Any increase in Seller's costs of performance after the date stated in the box marked DATE OF CONTRACT on the face hereof resulting from increased freight rates, increased or additional freight surcharges, additional taxes, duties, assessments or other charges imposed or collected by any governmental or taxing authority, increased insurance rates, and all other additional charges relating to the sale, loading, unloading, delivery, storage, and transportation of the Goods, shall be for Buyer's account.
4. **SHIPMENT:** All shipment or delivery dates are approximate. The date of the bill of lading shall constitute conclusive evidence of the date of shipment. Partial shipment and/or transshipment shall be permitted. No non-conforming tender, or delay or failure in the shipment or delivery of any one lot shall excuse Buyer from accepting tender of any remaining installments hereunder. In case of failure of performance by Buyer hereunder, Seller may defer or suspend further shipments or deliveries or, at its option, cancel this Contract as to any Goods which have not been



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shipped or delivered, and any losses, liabilities, costs or expenses resulting from such deferral or cancellation shall be for Buyer's account.

**5. BUYER'S SOLVENCY; PURCHASE MONEY SECURITY INTEREST:** Buyer represents and warrants to Seller that it is not insolvent, as that term is defined in the Uniform Commercial Code (U.C.C.). Buyer hereby grants to Seller a purchase money security interest in the Goods identified on the face hereof.

**6. FORCE MAJEURE:** Seller shall not be liable for any delay of or failure to perform its obligations hereunder for any cause beyond its reasonable control, which affects Seller or any other person (whether known or unknown to Buyer) involved in the sale, manufacturing, supply, shipment or delivery of the Goods. Shipment or delivery dates shall be extended for a period equal to the time lost by reason of any such cause; provided, however, that if any such delay exceeds ninety (90) days, either party shall have the right to cancel this Contract with respect to such shipment or delivery by written notice to the other party without any liabilities to the other party. Force majeure shall not excuse any nonpayment by Buyer. Except as otherwise provided herein, U.C.C. Section 2-615 shall govern the rights of both parties hereto in the event of such delay or non-performance.

**7. INDEMNIFICATION:** Seller shall not be liable to Buyer in any way for losses, liabilities, settlements, costs or expenses (including attorneys' fees) paid or incurred by Buyer resulting from any claim that the Goods or their sale infringe any patent, trademark, copyright, design or other intellectual or industrial property right of any third party and, if Buyer has furnished the specifications for the Goods, Buyer shall indemnify and defend Seller against any and all losses, liabilities, settlements, costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees) paid or incurred by Seller resulting from any such claim. Buyer agrees to defend, indemnify and hold Seller harmless against claims by any third party (including Buyer's employees and customers) arising out of Buyer's use, storage, handling or resale of the Goods.

**8. LATE CHARGE; SETOFF RIGHTS; COLLECTION COSTS:** If any invoice amount is not paid in full when due, Seller reserves the right to request advance payment for future shipments. If any of the purchase price is not paid in full when due, Buyer shall pay a late charge on the amount unpaid for each day from the due date until paid in full at a rate of five percent above the prime commercial lending rate announced from time to time by the Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A. at its principal New York City office or the maximum lawful rate allowed under permitted applicable law, whichever is lower. Late charges shall be payable upon demand. The parties hereby agree that if for any reason, Buyer has not made payment in full to Seller for any amount owing to Seller on or prior to the due date for such amount, Seller may, in its sole discretion, set off such outstanding amount against any amount owed by Seller that is or becomes due and payable. In the event that Buyer fails to cure any nonpayment within thirty (30) days after Buyer's receipt of notice from Seller describing such breach, then Buyer agrees to pay all of Seller's costs of collection, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees.

**9. TERM AND TERMINATION:** This Contract shall take effect on the DATE OF CONTRACT on the face hereof. Either party may terminate this Contract immediately without giving notice under the following conditions associated with the other party: (1) Insolvency or bankruptcy; (2) Assignment for the benefit of creditors; (3) Expropriation of business assets; (4) Dissolution or liquidation; or (5) Appointment of a trustee or receiver for all or any part of assets. Seller may terminate this Contract in the event that Buyer fails to cure any breach of the Contract within thirty (30) days after Buyer's receipt of notice from Seller describing such breach. Purchase orders confirmed by Seller cannot be cancelled or modified by Buyer without the prior written consent of Seller.

**10. ENTIRE AGREEMENT; AMENDMENT AND NON-WAIVER:** Acceptance of Buyer's purchase order is expressly conditioned upon Buyer's acceptance of the terms and conditions herein and the exclusion of any conflicting terms that may be contained in Buyer's purchase order. Any objection to any terms herein must be in writing and shall not be deemed timely unless received by Seller within seven (7) days of the date of this Contract. This Contract, including the face hereof, is intended by the parties as the final, complete, and exclusive expression of their agreement relating to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes any prior agreement or understanding between them. No parol evidence, course of dealing, conduct, performance or usage of the trade shall be relevant to supplement or explain it. No waiver, amendment modification of any of the provisions hereof shall be effective, unless made in writing and signed by both parties. Failure by either party to exercise or enforce any right conferred by this Contract shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any such right nor operate so as to bar the exercise or enforcement thereof or any other right on any later occasion.

11. **NO ASSIGNMENT:** Buyer shall not assign its rights or delegate its duties under this Contract without the prior written consent of Seller.

12. **GOVERNING LAW; ARBITRATION:** This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of the State of New York, without regards to its choice-of-law provisions. The U.N. Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods shall not apply to any purchases made hereunder. Seller and Buyer agree that any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Contract, or the breach hereof, shall be settled by arbitration in New York, New York, in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association. The award of the arbitrator(s) shall be final and binding upon the parties hereto and judgment on the award may be entered in any court of competent jurisdiction.

13. **SELLER'S RIGHT FOR DEMANDING ADEQUATE ASSURANCE:** If Buyer's failure to make payment or otherwise perform its obligations hereunder is reasonably anticipated, Seller may demand adequate assurance, satisfactory to Seller, of the due performance of this Contract by Buyer and withhold shipment or delivery of the undelivered Goods. Unless Buyer gives Seller such assurance within forty-eight (48) hours of Seller's demand, Seller may, without prejudice to any other remedies it may have, cancel the portion of this Contract which relates to the undelivered Goods, and all accounts payable by Buyer to Seller for the Goods delivered under this contract shall, upon Seller's declaration, become immediately due and payable in cash in full.

14. **SELLER'S RIGHTS AND REMEDIES:** If any of the following events shall occur: (a) failure by the Buyer to perform any provision of this Contract or any other agreement with Seller, if any, and such failure not being cured within thirty (30) days after the date of notice thereof being dispatched by the Seller to the Buyer requiring the Buyer to remedy such failure; (b) insolvency, bankruptcy, liquidation or dissolution of the Buyer; (c) institution of any proceeding against the Buyer under the provisions of any insolvency or bankruptcy law or any law for the relief of debtors; (d) appointment of a trustee, receiver, administrator or liquidator over any of the Buyer's assets or property; (e) issuance of an order for the attachment of the Buyer's assets or property; (f) general assignment by the Buyer for the benefit of its creditors; (g) cancellation or deduction of trade credit insurance coverage insured for Seller against risk of Buyer's failure to make the payment of contract price or any other amount payable by Buyer to Seller hereunder in such way as Seller reasonably judges that such cancellation or deduction would impair Seller's interest or benefit from this Contract, or (h) any material adverse change (as determined by MIC in its sole discretion) shall have occurred in (x) Buyer's financial condition or (y) Buyer's business, or any other change shall have occurred that may have an adverse effect on Buyer's ability to perform its obligations under this Contract, then the Seller may, without prejudice to the other rights and remedies which it may have, (i) forthwith terminate this Contract in whole or in part by notice in writing to the Buyer, (ii) delay or suspend shipment or delivery of the Goods, (iii) stop the Goods in transit, and/or (iv) forthwith demand immediate payment of all sums payable by the Buyer under this Contract or any other agreement with the Buyer, whereupon the same shall become immediately due and payable.

Interstate Chemical Co.

Mitsubishi International Corp.

By:  
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## EXHIBIT C

ZACK FERGUSON-STEGER

12/20/2007 06:09 PM

To: |

|"Lori Cirillo" <lcirillo@interstatechemical.com>

cc: |

|"Albert R. Puntureri" <apuntureri@interstatechemical.com>

|thomas.reszler@mitsubishicorp.com@MITSUBISHI CORP

|kevin.fallon@mitsubishicorp.com

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Dear Lori

It appears that your legal department may have offered you an opinion about Interstate's obligation without having all the facts. Even without a signed writing, we clearly have a contract for the sale of 10mb of methanol @\$2.55/gal., and we expect Interstate to honor that contract.

As you know, the market is falling, and MIC will suffer substantial damages if it is forced to seek a new buyer for this methanol if you repudiate your obligation to purchase. The contract price is \$2.55/gal, and as of the close of business today, we would be able to get only approximately \$2.18/gallon the spot market for this load. If we are forced to sell the material at a loss we will hold Interstate fully responsible for our damages.

In order to mitigate our damages as much as possible in this falling market, we will seek to sell the material to another buyer tomorrow, December 21, if we do not receive your confirmation by 10:00 a.m. that Interstate will fulfill its obligations under our agreement. We will then seek prompt legal recourse to recover the full amount of our losses in connection with that sale from Interstate.

You may want to explain more fully to your legal department our course of dealing in connection with Interstate's purchase. On December 4, you and I reached an oral agreement that Interstate would purchase 10mb of methanol at a price of 2.55/gal., for delivery December 20 or later. You confirmed the purchase by email that same day, and I responded to your email with a confirming email of my own shortly thereafter. You later sought to "cancel" the purchase by an email dated December 18 (when we were out of the office).

Even in the absence of a signed writing, we clearly have an enforceable contract for this purchase. You may want to refer your legal department to UCC 2-201(2) if they are under the impression that our contract requires a signed writing to be enforceable.

I remain hopeful that we might be able to go forward with this deal and with a continuing mutually beneficial business relationship.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Zack

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12/20/2007 11:49:49 AM "Lori Cirillo" <lcirillo@interstatechemical.com>  
 wrote:  
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 >Zack -  
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 >After speaking to our legal department, I am told that placement of an  
 order  
 >does not constitute a contract. Our verbal cancellation took place 6 to 7  
 days  
 >

>prior to the ship/load date of the barge. Interstate is not obligated to  
>purchase a barge when our tanks are full. When our manufacturing plant  
calls

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>for additional inventory, then we can pursue a new purchase order with  
>Mitsubishi at prevailing pricing, whether up or down from the current  
>\$2.55/gallon price level.

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>Lori Cirillo

>Director of Chemical Procurement

>724-981-3771 #1118

## EXHIBIT D



CONTRACT#:07-2068

TO: MITSUBISHI INT'L CORPORATION  
ATTN: THOMAS RESZLER  
FROM: STARSUPPLY GFI  
DATE: 21 DECEMBER 2007

The Client and Starsupply, A Division of GFI Brokers LLC ("GFI") agree that this communication confirms the terms and conditions of the transaction entered into as of the trade date specified below as follows:

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MITSUBISHI INT'L CORPORATION / TAUBER PETROCHEMICAL COMPANY METHANOL SALE DATED DECEMBER 21, 2007  
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FOLLOWING IS CONFIRMATION OF SALE BETWEEN MITSUBISHI INT'L CORPORATION AND TAUBER PETROCHEMICAL COMPANY FOR A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY 10,000 BARRELS OF METHANOL

**SELLER:**

MITSUBISHI INT'L CORPORATION  
655 THIRD AVE  
NEW YORK, NY 10017  
ATTENTION: THOMAS RESZLER  
FAX: +12126051058

**BUYER:**

TAUBER PETROCHEMICAL COMPANY  
55 WAUGH DRIVE  
SUITE 700  
HOUSTON, TX 77007  
ATTENTION: STEVE ELLIOTT  
FAX: +17138628226

**PRODUCT:**

METHANOL

**VOLUME:**

10,000 BARRELS, PLUS/MINUS 5 PERCENT IN BUYER'S OPTION.

**PRICE:**

USD 2.05 PER GALLON

**QUALITY**

METHANOL ASTM-D1152-97

**DELIVERY:**

F.O.B. ST. ROSE, LA INTO BUYER'S NOMINATED BARGE OR VESSEL AT SELLER'S BERTH

**DELIVERY DATES:**

DECEMBER 21, 2007 - JANUARY 10, 2008 , BUYER TO PROVIDE SELLER WITH 5 WORKING DAYS NOTICE OF LOADING

**LAYTIME AND DEMURRAGE AT LOAD**

PER CHARTER PARTY

**PAYMENT:**

IN USD VIA WIRE TRANSFER 30 (THIRTY) DAYS FROM B/L DATE INTO SELLER'S DESIGNATED ACCOUNT

**GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

PER BARGE/VESSEL CHARTER PARTY

**COMMISSION:**

USD 630.00 PAYABLE BY MITSUBISHI INT'L CORPORATION WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER CARGO LOAD AND RECEIPT OF INVOICE.

WE THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY OF ARRANGING THIS TRANSACTION ON YOUR BEHALF. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIRMATION THAT THE ABOVE ACCURATELY RECORDS THE AGREEMENT AS ARRANGED.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

STARSUPPLY GFI - A DIVISION OF GFI BROKERS LLC

Buyer and Seller understand that GFI has acted as agent for both parties solely for the purposes of matching up the parties for the transaction. GFI shall have no liability to any party if any party is for any reason prohibited or restricted from entering into this transaction. The fee charged to you in this transaction is a negotiated fee, which may not be the same as charged in similar transactions. The fee is payable upon receipt of our invoice.

All aspects and terms of the transaction were determined and agreed to solely by the Buyer and Seller and compliance with the terms of

this transaction is strictly their obligation. In the event of an error please contact GFI immediately but no later than 24 hrs after receipt of the confirmation. If any dispute occurs, the Buyer and Seller agree to hold GFI, its affiliates and their respective successors harmless from any liabilities, which may result therefrom. This Confirmation shall inure to the benefit of GFI, its affiliates and their respective successors.